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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, PETROLEUM COMMITTEE, MUNITIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: Estimate of Effects of Wartime Sabotage upon Petroleum Production, Refining, Storage, and Transportation in Certain World Areas

1. In response to your memorandum of 12 August 1949 there are attached estimates of the effect of probable sabotage and strikes on petroleum installations in various parts of the world, assuming outbreak of war 1 July 1949. Lack of data precludes any useful estimates affecting storage at this time; hence, statistics are confined to the production, refining and transport of petroleum within each of the areas covered.

2. The figures used represent probable losses resulting from activities of dissident elements in the civil population. They do not cover results which might be obtained by foreign agents, or destruction caused by organized guerrilla bands. In the short time available it was possible to produce little more than tentative approximations; accordingly, no effort was made to draw conclusions. As the study proceeds, it is hoped that evidence can be developed on which to base a better over-all appraisal of sabotage and work-stoppage probabilities likely to affect the petroleum industry abroad in event of war.

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Probable Oil Losses Due to Work Stoppages and Sabotage

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Production	1st quarter b/d	1st quarter % of industry	2nd quarter b/d	2nd quarter % of industry	3rd quarter b/d	3rd quarter % of industry	4th quarter b/d	4th quarter % of industry
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III. Aruba and Curacao

Refinery Throughput

Work Stoppage	6,400	1	0	0	0
Sabotage	3,200	*	0	0	0

* Less than 1 %.

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IV. Venezuela

	1st quarter		2nd quarter		3rd quarter		4th quarter	
Production	b/d	% of industry	b/d	% of industry	b/d	% of industry	b/d	% of industry
Work Stoppage	26,000	2	26,000	2	26,000	2	26,000	2
Sabotage	26,000	2	13,000	1	6,500	*	6,500	*
Refinery Throughput								
Work Stoppage	2,600	2	2,600	2	2,600	2	2,600	2
Sabotage	2,600	2	1,300	1	1,300	1		0
Pipelines								
Work Stoppage	28,000	2	28,000	2	28,000	2	28,000	2
Sabotage	28,000	2	14,000	1	14,000	1	7,000	*

V. Colombia

Production								
Work Stoppage	2,400	3	2,400	3	2,400	3	2,400	3
Sabotage	3,200	4	1,600	2	800	1	800	1
Refinery Throughput								
Work Stoppage	500	3	500	3	500	3	500	3
Sabotage	700	4	400	2	400	2	200	1
Pipelines								
Work Stoppage	3,500	3	3,500	3	3,500	3	3,500	3
Sabotage	4,700	4	2,300	2	1,200	1	1,200	1

VI. Other South America ≠

Production								
Work Stoppage	3,800	2	3,800	2	3,800	2	3,800	2
Sabotage	3,800	2	1,900	1	1,900	1	1,900	*
Refinery Throughput								
Work Stoppage	6,600	2	6,600	2	6,600	2	6,600	2
Sabotage	3,300	1	3,300	1	1,700	*		
Pipelines								
Work Stoppage	10,400	2	10,400	2	10,400	2	10,400	2
Sabotage	5,200	1	5,200	1	2,600	*	2,600	*

* Less than 1%.
≠ Includes: Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, and Uruguay.

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VII. British Borneo

Production	1st quarter b/d	1st quarter % of industry	2nd quarter b/d	2nd quarter % of industry	3rd quarter b/d	3rd quarter % of industry	4th quarter b/d	4th quarter % of industry
Work Stoppage	600	1	300	*		0		0
Sabotage	600	1	300	*		0		0
Refinery Throughput								
Work Stoppage	400	1	200	*		0		0
Sabotage	800	2		0		0		0
Pipelines								
Work Stoppage		0		0		0		0
Sabotage	300	*		0		0		0

VIII. Netherlands East Indies

Production								
Work Stoppage	2,000	2	2,000	2	1,000	1		0
Sabotage	2,000	2	2,000	2		0		0
Refinery Throughput								
Work Stoppage	2,300	2	2,300	2	1,100	1		0
Sabotage	1,100	1	600	*		0		0
Pipelines								
Work Stoppage	1,000	1	500	*	500	*		0
Sabotage	3,000	3	2,000	2	1,000	1		0

IX. Canary Islands

Refinery Throughput								
Work Stoppage		0		0		0		0
Sabotage	100	1		0		0		0

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